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OIL COMPANY IS LEASING LAND HERE

Oklahoma Company Seems to Believe There is Oil in This Section

Is eastern New Mexico in the center of a great oil field? Nobody knows, of course, but at any rate some big oil companies are evidently willing to spend a little money gambling on the proposition. The Carter Oil Co., of Tulsa, Okla., has men in the field now getting leases over the entire of Curry county and it is understood the same thing is being done in Roosevelt and other counties. Already we have been reliably informed some 32,000 acres have been leased in this county and it is said the company will put down a test well in the county when they get a certain percentage of the land leased.

The cost of obtaining these leases amounts to quite an amount and no doubt the oil company feels that this is a promising field worth spending some money in.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO BLAMED FOR DEFEAT

Prominent democrats from the western part of the state are blaming eastern New Mexico for the recent defeat of the entire democratic ticket. They point out that if the counties on the east side had polled ninety per cent of vote of the primaries the entire ticket would have been elected and this is no doubt true for the democrats on the east side took very little interest, the News is compelled to admit, in the November election. However it must be taken into consideration also that all those votes cast in the May primaries were not democratic as many republicans voted in the primaries in all the eastern counties.

TWO VACANCIES ON CITY BOARD

There are now two vacancies on the city board of Aldermen that must be filled soon, Alderman Moyer and Alderman Sanders having moved to their ranches outside of the city limits. These vacancies will be filled by appointment.

HOW GERMANY WOULD HAVE ENDED THE WAR

When Germany thought that her army had won the world war there was much speculation in that country as to the terms of settlement. One of the statements that were made public was that of Count Roon, a member of the Prussian upper house and a pan-German junker, made on July 1, 1918. His idea of a settlement with the allies included:

Germany is entitled to the following terms because of its strength, and until they are realized there should be no armistice:

Annexation of Belgium. Annexation of the entire Flanders coast, including Calais. Annexation of the Brisey and Longwy basins and the Toul, Belfort and Verdun regions eastward.

Restitution to Germany of all her colonies, including Kiaochow.

Great Britain must cede to Germany such naval bases and coaling stations as Germany designates.

Great Britain must give Gibraltar to Spain, cede its war fleet to Germany, give Egypt and the Suez Canal to Turkey.

Greece must be re-established under former King Constantine with frontiers and borders as before the war.

Austria and Bulgaria will divide Serbia and Montenegro.

Great Britain, France and the United States must pay all of Germany's war costs, the indemnity being a minimum of \$45,000,000,000.

France and Belgium must remain occupied at their expense until these conditions are carried out.

In handling confinement cases an Osteopath uses antiseptics and anesthetics and any other means that is found necessary. Dr. H. R. Gibson.

ROY McMILLEN WILL BE CITY'S BOOK-KEEPER

Roy McMullen has been employed as book-keeper for the water and light department and will assume the duties of his position at an early date. He takes the position formerly held by Mr. Chester Cone who died about a month ago. Mr. McMullen has been with the Santa Fe in a clerical capacity for several years and will no doubt make a good man for the city.

ONE NATIONAL BANK SUSPENSION IN YEAR

Santa Fe, Nov. 20.—"During this calendar year of 1918, in which the strain of our banking resources has been greater than at any time during our past history, there has been only one national bank suspension in our country." Thus writes John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, to State Bank Examiner George H. Van Stone. Mr. Williams continues: "There has been no such record as this for forty years past. This immunity from failure is the more gratifying when we consider the extraordinary stress of these difficult times through which we have been passing with the whole world aflame. The agricultural, mining and industrial activities of this country are enjoying generally phenomenal prosperity, and from a financial standpoint our banks are today stronger and better able to cope with any situation which may arise than they have ever been in the past." He says also: "There has been much inflation of certain kinds, which is incident to all wars; and there have been many inequalities in great directions. There has been a great scarcity of labor of every sort, and wages have been out of proportion to living costs in many cases. We have money, enormous resources, men and brains. We will need all for the task before us, the most enormous tasks that ever tested a nation."

LARGEST LOAN EVER FLOATED BY ANY COUNTRY

Washington, Nov. 19.—Total subscriptions to the fourth Liberty Loan were \$6,980,047,000, the treasury department announced tonight after final tabulations had been completed. The over-subscription of \$890,047,000 was 13.18 per cent. Every federal reserve district exceeded its allotted quota.

This makes the fourth Liberty Loan by far the greatest war loan ever floated by this or any other government. Including the four Liberty Loans, all of which were over-subscribed, and war savings, the nation has raised \$17,852,000,000 in popular loans, not including over-subscriptions which were not accepted.

Bonds of the fifth war loan, to be offered probably in the spring will be of short maturity, Secretary McAdoo announced today. This was interpreted as meaning two years or less. The secretary said it is impossible to predict the size or time of flotation of future bond issues, but added that it is "entirely clear that the moment has come when the interests of the government and the country would be best served by the issue of bonds of short maturity and that that would be the policy of the treasury."

L. J. Black, left Thursday for Lincoln, Neb., where he will spend a few weeks. While away Mr. Black will attend the Home Missionary Convention of the Adventist Church. Mr. Black is secretary-treasurer of the Texico Travel Society at this place.

D. A. Mounts was in Clovis Tuesday with a load of grain from his farm mid way between Texico and Clovis. The writer happened to pass Mr. Mounts' farm one very windy day last winter and saw Mr. Mounts plowing away just the same as if it had been a pleasant day. We remember that many farmers were arguing then that it was too dry to prepare land for spring crops, so we questioned Mr. Mounts Tuesday as to what he had raised and he very modestly admitted he had a very fair crop for a dry year. Some 600 bushels corn, 800 bushels kafir, 300 bushels maize, five tons broom corn and about 10,000 pounds beans, in all about 25,000.00 worth of produce besides live stock. We still say it pays to prepare ahead for a crop.

Mrs. W. E. Mott has opened a boarding house in the rooms over the Magle City Furniture Co., and will keep both roomers and boarders.

CUMBINED DEPOSITS OVER A MILLION

Bank Statements of Clovis Show the Country in Good Condition

Secretary Jones of the Chamber of Commerce has compiled a complete week in the News. The three banks from their statements published last week in the News. The three banks now show combined deposits of \$1,050,474.50 which is about \$100,000 more than was shown in the official statements two months ago. The showing made below indicates that the Clovis country is in good shape financially.

RESOURCES
Loans and discounts \$ 956,278.02
U. S. bonds, stocks and securities 127,415.65
Real estate, banking houses, furniture and fixtures 68,781.38
Cash and exchange 230,000.04
\$1,391,538.09

LIABILITIES

Capital stock \$ 150,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits 55,346.37
Circulation 37,500.00
Redcounts 89,217.13
Deposits 1,050,474.50
\$1,391,538.09

CLUB WORK EXHIBIT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Boys' and Girls' Club Exhibit and Poultry Fair will be held at the High School Building in Clovis on Friday and Saturday of this week. Some exceptionally good exhibits will be shown and the citizenship of the community generally is invited to attend. Substantial prizes will be given to the boys and girls who are winners. Following is the outline of the program that will be carried out each day:

FRIDAY
5:30 p. m.—Banquet in honor of Club Members given by The First National Bank.

7:30 p. m.—High School Auditorium: Program of Music and Addresses, open to the public.

9:30 p. m.—Lyceum entertainment to all Club members.

SATURDAY
10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.—Exhibit of Club Work of boys and girls consisting of sewing, cooking, canning, poultry, pigs, corn, maize, kafir and beans. Also exhibit of poultry open to public. Anyone having poultry to exhibit is invited to do so at this fair. No premiums awarded for this exhibit as it is not a part of the club work.

Will take thirty bonds at market price on notes and accounts. W. Wisnitzer.

A good cozy 4 room stucco modern Bungalow. Price right, terms within your reach. See us, Reagan Land & Cattle Co.

Direct War Cost Amounts to Two Hundred Billion

The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last May 1 was reported at about \$175,000,000,000 by the federal reserve board bulletin issued and it is estimated the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year. These calculations were compiled by the board from various sources and while their accuracy is not vouched for the board believes the figures are substantially correct.

For purely military and naval purposes it is estimated that all belligerents had spent about \$152,000,000,000 to May 1, or about three-fourths of the total was cost. The balance represented interest on debt and other indirect war expenses.

How the cost mounted from year to year is illustrated by tabulations showing that the mobilization and the first five months of the war in 1914 cost all

PATRIOTIC PEACE MEETING SUNDAY

The patriotic peace celebration held Sunday afternoon at the Lyceum Theatre was well attended and a pleasing program was rendered. The meeting was presided over by C. W. Harrison, County Chairman of the United War Work drive and addresses were made by Ted P. Hollifield, A. W. Hoekenhall and Sam G. Bratton. Quite a number of donations were received for the war work fund after the program had been finished.

GERMANY'S LOSSES

Up to October 31, 1,580,000 German soldiers were killed and the fate of 200,000 were not known, the Vorwaerts of Berlin says it learns on reliable authority.

Four million soldiers had been wounded, some several times. The newspaper adds that there were 490,000 German prisoners in hostile countries.

EXPRESS RATES ARE BOOSTED BY M'ADOO

Washington, Nov. 20.—General increases in express rates were announced this week by Director General McAdoo of the railroad administration.

West of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers the merchandise rate will be increased about 10 to 12 cents a hundred pounds over the present scale and the increase in food rates will be proportionately 75 percent. The increases, it was announced, are due to increases in wages and becomes effective immediately.

The new order, effective January 1, will raise about \$24,000,000 additional revenue half of which the American Railway Express company, before it was taken over entirely by the government, had planned to distribute among employees in higher wages. The wage question now is before the railroad administration's board of wages and working conditions.

The reason for asking the rate increase greater in eastern territory, it is stated, was that hauls there are shorter and city delivery and terminal service necessarily expensive, is proportionately higher. The increases still may be reviewed by the Interstate commerce committee.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

D. M. Carroll of Stratford, Texas, will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. Every body invited.

J. T. STALDER, Chairman Board.

6 room plastered modern house corner lot. Price \$2,250. \$450 down balance like rent. Curran & Bell, Inc.

FOR SALE—Big bone Berkshire Boar, registered. See C. W. Harrison at First National Bank.

30,000 TO BE DISCHARGED DAILY

All Troops in the Country to be Gradually Demobilized Soon

Orders have been issued, General March announced Sunday, for the gradual demobilization of all troops now in this country.

Demobilization will be in the following order:

First, development battalions, 71 in number and comprising 98,100 men.

Second, conscientious objectors not under arrest.

Third, spruce production division.

Fourth, central training schools for officers, with some modifications.

Fifth, United States guards, now numbering 135,000 men.

Sixth, railway units.

Seventh, depot brigades.

Eighth, replacement units.

Ninth, combat divisions.

There are now in the United States 1,790,000 men under arms. General March said. Orders which will result in the immediate demobilization of 200,000 men are already issued and these men will be at their homes in the next two weeks.

When the reduction plan is under full operation, the chief of staff explained, 30,000 men each day will be released from the army.

Regarding the return of troops in France, General March said the order in which the divisions will be withdrawn is being left to General Pershing. It is the intention of the war department, however, so far as is practicable to return each division to the locality from which the majority of its men came and to parade the division in adjacent cities so that the people may have a chance to give fitting welcome.

Orders have been cabled to General Pershing to begin the return at once of all sick and wounded, who can be moved, and convalescents. A steady stream of these men should begin immediately to cross the Atlantic.

Camps at home will be cleared out to prepare for the return of the expeditionary forces, and the general expectation is that the process would be expedited. A unit of regular troops will be left at each camp to guard and police it in preparation for the arrival of the overseas unit.

It was announced that congress will be asked to give each man discharged from the army regardless of whether he re-enlists, a bonus of one month's salary. General March pointed out, also that all soldiers are entitled under law to wear their uniforms for three months after discharge. This will make less difficult the immediate task of supplying civilian clothing to demobilized army.

FLU HAS KILLED MORE THAN BULLETS

Washington, Nov. 18.—The recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than occurred among the American expeditionary forces from all causes from the time the first unit landed in France until hostilities ceased.

This announcement by the census bureau was based on unofficial estimates of the total casualties among the overseas forces and reports from 46 cities having a combined population of 23,000,000 which showed 82,305 deaths from September 9 to November 9.

"Total casualties in the American expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 100,000. On the basis of the number thus reported, it may be assumed that the deaths from all causes, including disease and accidents, are probably less than 45 per cent, and may not be more than 40 per cent of the total casualties. On this assumption the loss of life in the American expeditionary forces to date is about 40,000 or 45,000."

Why pay rent? We can sell you a house on easy terms and you will soon own it.

OWEN J. DAVIS IS REPORTED AS WOUNDED

Owen J. Davis of Grady who had been previously reported as missing in action, was listed as wounded, degree undetermined, in the supplementary list of casualties issued by the war department Tuesday.

FEW TURKEYS THIS YEAR

Few Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys are on the market here this year. It seems that the past season was not a good one in this county for turkeys, or the high cost of grain discouraged the turkey raisers.

TROOPS IN ENGLAND TO COME HOME FIRST

The first American troops to depart homeward as a result of the signing of the armistice will be 18,000 men stationed in England. The American army expects to start the first ship load of these soldiers homeward within a week and to have all the men on their way back to the United States ten days later.

The plans for clearing England of American troops are incomplete, but it is desired to remove these men immediately, as some shipping is available for this purpose. Most of the 18,000 men are helping the British air forces.

The American hospital units will be left in England until a policy for caring for future cases of illness among the Americans has been decided upon.

CURRY COUNTY IS OVER THE TOP AGAIN

Curry County's quota in the United War Work drive just closed was \$8,500. Notwithstanding the epidemic interference with the campaign when it first started the county has gone over the top again and has contributed more than its share to this great work.

C. W. Harrison, who is county chairman of the work in this county says that while all donations have not been completely tabulated it is evident that something in the neighborhood of \$8,000 has been contributed to look after the welfare of our soldier boys.

YANK PRISONERS STRAGGLING BACK

American Headquarters in France, Nov. 20.—American prisoners released by the Germans are making their way singly and in pairs across the line at various points. The German authorities apparently are unable to carry out the withdrawal plans agreed upon owing to the disorganized conditions within that country.

To meet the emergency the American army has established stations at various points along the American sector of occupation where prisoners can be received and cared for as they arrive.

The returned men give varying accounts of their treatment by the Germans. Some say they were treated very harshly and brutally, while others say their captors were stern but not unduly harsh. Seemingly, the treatment depended largely upon the administration of the prisons in which the Americans were confined. The physical condition of the returned men also varies.

The American Red Cross is establishing relief stations at the four concentration camps.

LIBERTY BOND HOLDERS

Are warned by Uncle Sam to not exchange their bonds for oil stocks and other propositions of a speculative nature for the reason that they generally turn out to be worthless but if you are not able to hold them convert them into cash. We pay cash for any issue or can take them in exchange on a home. Reagan Land & Cattle Co.